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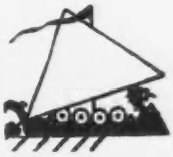

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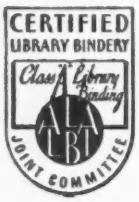

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L. Quincy Mumford, Cleveland Public Library, is one of the two candidates for First Vice-President (President Elect) submitted by the Nominating Committee for the 1953 election of the American Library Association. Ohio would be proud if Mr. Mumford were elected, and especially so in our Sesquicentennial year.

JOIN A.L.A.

R. Russell Munn, Librarian of the Akron Public Library, is Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Public Libraries Division of A.L.A. He urges all public librarians in Ohio to join A.L.A. and be sure to elect membership in the Public Library Division.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

LIBRARIAN TRAINING

Librarian Committee:

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L. Quincy Mumford, Chairman; Walter Brahm, Lewis Branscomb, Herbert Sewell, Carl Vitz

TRUSTEE CITATION

Walter Brahm, Chairman; Mildred Sandoe, Mrs. Elsie Bennett Wilson

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Hallie M. Grimes, Birchard Library, Fremont

The approach to a new year—professionally or personally—can be either frightening or heartening! In the case of the Ohio Library Association we believe that it will be the latter. It MUST be a good year to stack up against the record made by the 1952 leadership. The state conference in Toledo, attended by some 700 people, was one of our best meetings filled with stimulation and challenge and fresh ideas. The five district meetings, attracting a total of 1,000 librarians and trustees were equally beneficial. I am giving you these figures to show the interest in state and district meetings.

You will be interested to know that the 1953 state conference of the Association will be held at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, October 8, 9, and 10. Please mark those dates on your calendar immediately.

District meetings will also be held in the spring. Miss Mary Jane Merritt, of Wooster, has consented to serve as chairman of the Extension Committee. Dates will be announced later.

Your *O. L. A. Bulletin* will be issued January 15, April 1, July 1, and September 1. With the cooperation of the post office we hope that it will reach you promptly. Miss Ann Perdue, of the Columbus Public Library, will edit *The Bulletin* during 1953.

The Executive Board held a meeting at the State Library on November 14. The principal matter of business was (1) setting up the budget for the year, and (2) choosing the location of the state conference. Also at that meeting the Executive Board voted to purchase an Embosograf machine for the State Library. This is a sign poster printing machine and signs will be made for the libraries of the state at a cost ranging from 15 to 40 cents. When the machine is delivered the State Library will mail details about ordering posters. We believe that it will be of real service to Ohio's smaller and medium-sized libraries.

I am hoping that each librarian will make a special effort to have staff memberships 100 per cent in the Association. Some of you have said, "Well, I can't attend state or district meetings. What do I get out of my $1.50 except *The Bulletin?*" Perhaps it is time to reiterate the fact that the legislative program of the Association is entirely financed from the O.L.A. treasury. That legislative program is of vital interest to every worker in every Ohio library. But, aside from your membership dues, we would like to have your active interest in helping us maintain a strong state organization. We have come a long way since our founding in 1895, but we still have a great amount of new and unfinished business in our profession of getting people and books together.

Finally, I want you to feel free to tell me your suggestions, your ideas, your complaints. I have no fancy platform as O.L.A. President, but I have high hopes of trying to make 1953 a year that will be meaningful for all of us. With your cooperation it will be possible to achieve that goal.

OHIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Proposed Budget for 1952-53

1.	Executive Secretary— Salary, Office Expense	$1,000.00
2.	President's Office— Postage, Telephone, Travel	150.00
3.	Secretary-Treasurer	50.00
4.	Executive Board	150.00
5.	Committees	450.00
6.	Clipping Service	125.00
7.	Dues and Contributions	25.00
8.	District Meetings	250.00
9.	O.L.A. Bulletin	1,250.00
10.	Convention	500.00
11.	Sections	267.00
12.	Scholarship	500.00
13.	Equipment	675.00
14.	Legislative Representative	1,000.00
15.	Miscellaneous	50.00
	Total	$6,442.00

O. L. A. SALARY SURVEY

Are you a librarian who has not returned the statistical questionnaire for the O.L.A. Salary Survey? There are about ninety questionnaires still outstanding. As the *Salary Survey Committee* hopes to compare Ohio salaries with the national survey and to suggest salary classification schemes for Ohio libraries, it is important that every library be represented. Additional questionnaires will be sent to those who have lost them. *Please mail* your questionnaire not later than January 25 to James C. Foutts, Public Library, Youngstown 3, Ohio.

FOR SALE: Bookmobile, shelf capacity—1800, custom built body (Indiana Body Co., Richmond) 1938, remounted in 1948 on new 1½ ton Dodge chassis, milage approximately 19,000. For further information and complete specifications see Mildred Sandoe's *Library Primer*. Lane Public Library, Hamilton, Ohio.

WANTED: Branch Librarian for underprivileged area which will have a new building in 1953. Salary $3,972-$4,548. Also have vacancies on bookmobile and in children's work. Apply Akron Public Library.

DO IT . . . TODAY . . .

By now all of you should have received your dues notice for 1953. If you have not received it it is because your name does not appear in our O.L.A. membership file, and if we are in error then you should notify the membership chairman immediately, or the O.L.A. chairman in your library. Twenty of Ohio's larger libraries have membership chairmen—in other cases dues are handled individually or by the Head Librarian.

This year dues slips were done on the new Addressograph purchased by the Association. While this process does not permit checking back on the original membership card, it has the advantage of speed. Some of you, around fifty to be exact, have paid 1953 dues, but we felt that for that number it was not worth the time to check back on each individual card. If you have paid your 1953 dues or are a life member simply disregard the dues notice.

As of September 15, 1952 there were 1,438 active members of the Association. Inasmuch as there are approximately 4,000 librarians in the state—including public, college and university, and special libraries—this is not a good representation. In 1953 it is our aim to bring that figure up to 2,000 members. It does not seem unreasonable to hope that at least half of the library workers in the State should belong to the Ohio Library Association.

I am counting on the membership chairmen or the Head Librarian to acquaint new staff members about the Association. And won't you also please notify the membership chairman, when there are staff changes. We don't like our membership files to be inaccurate, but unless we have your cooperation there are bound to be some discrepancies.

It will help if you will pay your dues promptly. As one of the popular commercials says—DO IT . . . TODAY . . .

FRANCES G. NUNMAKER,
Membership Chairman,

SECTION NEWS

Effie Lee Morris of the Cleveland Public Library is Chairman of the SECTION FOR WORKERS WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE. Other Officers are:

Vice-chairman, Margaret Morningstar, Toledo Public Library; Secretary, Marjorie Hill, Warder Public Library, Springfield; Treasurer, Madeline Margo, Youngstown Public Library; Members-at-Large: Rachel Wayne, Cleveland Public Library; Merna Cox, Worthington Public Library; Mrs. Norman Alexander, Warren Public Library.

Miss Morris wants everyone to know about the most recent recruiting pamphlet of the Children's Library Association. It is an unusual pictorial interpretation called "The Children's Librarian" and was reprinted from *Camera Magazine*. Order from the American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago 11, Illinois: 25 copies, $1.25; 50, $2.00; 100, $3.50; 250, $7.25; 500, $14.00.

Lewis Branscomb, Chairman of the COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SECTION, asks that suggestions for topics for discussion at the Spring District Meetings be sent to him at the Ohio State University Library. This section's other officers are: Vice-Chairman, Paul F. Leedy, Bowling Green State University Library; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Jane C. Secor, Denison University Library.

Helen Puckett, Cincinnati Public Library, is the Chairman of the JUNIOR MEMBERS SECTION.

The EXTENSION SECTION's big project for 1952 was a rural reading list. This list has been printed by the Sturgis Printing Co. and is available from them. It is entitled, "Let's Read Together in Ohio" and is arranged under eight topics: The rural scene, This permanent earth, Confident living, The world today, The American heritage, Families first, The Ohio scene, and Spiritual values. It is an excellent list for the general reader and would be useful to urban libraries.

At the Extension meeting in Toledo, it was indicated that librarians responsible for extension service should take the initiative and call together rural leaders and together plan reading clubs within the farm organizations. Ruth Palmer at the Marietta Public Library has started the ball rolling. With the cooperation of H. B. VanderPoel, the County Agricultural Agent, she sent out a letter to interested people under the letterhead, "Washington County Rural Reading Club, Marietta, Ohio." Mr. VanderPoel has publicized the Reading Club in his column in the local paper. The Library provides the books through its branches.

Other librarians at the Extension meeting expressed interest in this program and said that they were definitely going to try to build up their rural reading along the lines sketched out at the meeting.

Information on how this rural reading project is going in the several counties would be appreciated. Address letters to: William E. Osgood, County Librarian, New Philadelphia - Tuscarawas County District Library, New Philadelphia.

The Chairman of the EXTENSION SECTION is Chapman Parsons, Gallia County Public Library; the Secretary-Treasurer, William E. Osgood, New Philadelphia-Tuscarawas County District Library.

BITS ABOUT OHIO LIBRARIES

BUDGETS

Akron Public Library announces with pride that its budget was increased by $48,000 over last year and in addition an appropriation for a third branch library building was also granted by the Summit County Budget Commission.

Ironton filed an appeal with the State Board of Tax Appeals against action of the Lawrence County Budget Commission in granting their 1953 allocation. The library was granted approximately the same amount as 1952.

Dayton received a $10,000 cut in their budget over 1952 and have also filed an appeal with the State Board.

BOOK FAIR

The *Canton Public Library* cooperated with the Canton chapter of the Association for Childhood Education in putting on a three-day Book Fair during Book Week this year at the American Legion Hall. Emphasis was on children's books but many adult books were on display also. Orders were taken for the books which were supplied by the two local book stores and the American Booksellers Association.

Antioch College staged a book fair and tea November 23. Over one hundred books and magazine articles were shown. Librarian PAUL BIXLER and reference librarian BRUCE W. THOMAS appeared as guests on the author side of the tea tables.

LENSKI DISPLAY

First editions of books and other materials related to the literary career of Lois Lenski, Ohio-born author-illustrator of children's books, are available for exhibit purposes from Springfield's Warder Public Library. The materials will be loaned to public and school libraries who will pay transportation charges. Mrs. Mildred B. Turnbull will send an inventory list of materials available upon request.

NEW BRANCH BUILDING

The Akron Public Library opened its new *Ellet Branch* building on January 11 with appropriate ceremonies. The building resembles that opened last year in the South Akron area, being of concrete block and brick construction with gaily colored walls and smart modern furniture. The floor area is approximately 5,000 square feet and the cost including furniture and equipment was approximately $85,000.

INTANGIBLES TAX

Fifty counties have reported their 1952 Intangibles tax collection to the state auditor's office; twenty-nine of these have less money than they had in 1951. All budget conscious librarians will be interested but not pleased by this fact.

BOOK RETURN BOX

The new book return box in front of the *Toledo Public Library* has proved very popular.

BRANCH LIBRARIES

Special programs at branch libraries marked the 60th anniversary of the *Cleveland Public Library's* neighborhood book-lending services.

OPEN HOUSE

The *Kent Free Library* celebrated its 50th anniversary at an open house sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Norwalk Public Library held open house in honor of the completion of its modernization and renovation program.

NEW MANUAL

The *Ohio State University* libraries have published a Library Handbook designed to familiarize students and other library patrons with the organization and services of the Main Library.

INDONESIANS

Sixteen Indonesians in this country on the Technical Cooperative Administration program visited their first public library in Hamilton.

OVER THE BACK FENCE

ARRIVING AND LEAVING

EDNA G. MOORE retired from the librarianship of the Elyria Library. JOHN REBENACK of Salem will be the new librarian. MRS. DELBERT LANE, from out of the state, is the new librarian at St. Mary's. CHAPMAN PARSONS left Martins Ferry to become the new librarian of the Gallia County Library at Gallipolis. The new librarian at McConnelsville is JAMES HAFER from Akron; HENRY THOMAS is the new librarian at Nelsonville. MEREDITH BLOSS has left the Youngstown Public Library to become assistant city librarian of the Milwaukee Public Library.

25 YEAR CLUB

Dayton Public Library and Museum has organized a 25 Year Club. To date 34 staff members (11 retired) and 2 trustees qualify for special pins.

DEATHS

AGNES AUTEN, Assistant Librarian, Wittenberg College, Springfield, died September 23. She had been at Wittenberg since 1946. Prior to this she had been Head Librarian of Ohio Northern University for 17 years.

PAUL WHITE, former sales representative in Ohio for Doubleday, died December 2 in Urbana, Ohio.

CLARENCE W. SUMNER, librarian of the Youngstown Public Library from 1926 to 1944, died November 21 in Toledo.

MEETINGS

Wood County librarians have formed a Council with by-laws and officers. *Lake County* librarians are meeting once a month without formal organization, but they are getting better acquainted and having fun discussing mutual problems. The *South-East Regional* group known as the *Hill-Billies* enjoyed a wonderful turkey dinner in New Lexington at Thanksgiving time.

80 YEARS OLD

CHARLES B. GARVER, long-time carpenter and handyman around the Akron Public Library, was honored on his 80th birthday.

1952-53 OFFICERS OF THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

President—John W. Creager, South High School, Youngstown

Vice-President—Geneva Travis, University School, Kent State University, Kent

Recording Secretary—Mildred Krohn, East Technical High School, Cleveland

Corresponding Secretary — Doris Helen Moore, Norwood High School, Cincinnati

Treasurer—Eleanor R. Kyle, Wilbur Wright High School, Dayton

Members-at-Large—Madeline Bixel, Fostoria High School, Fostoria; Helen A. Fox, Zanesville High School, Zanesville

AWARDS AND BEQUESTS COMMITTEE

At the meeting of the Awards and Bequests Committee in Toledo, it was agreed to charge a ten cent fee for each copy of the scholarship pamphlet listing loans and grants available to residents of Ohio interested in library service. This fee will cover the cost of handling and postage.

One copy was sent without cost to each public library in the state. If more are needed, and the committee hopes that you will place one in each college, university, and high school in your community, your request will be complied with upon receiving the money. Address: Viola B. Metternich, Chairman, Awards and Bequests Committee, Cheviot Branch Library, Cincinnati 11, Ohio.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NOMINATIONS WELCOMED

Ernest I. Miller, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, asks that suggestions for nominations for Association offices be sent to any member of the committee (members listed on back of cover). Officers elected at the annual Conference in October are Vice-President and President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and the five members of the Executive Board.

BOOK LISTS

The Toledo Public Library early in December mailed to about fifty Ohio public libraries a copy of its adult list of books on Ohio history. The lists were made to facilitate local study of Ohio history inspired by the Sesquicentennial. 500 copies were distributed to teachers and students by the Toledo Board of Education. While the supply lasts any Ohio library can obtain a single copy by sending a post card request to the Toledo Public Library.

O. L. A. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The O.L.A. Executive Board is seeking a restatement of Association policy relative to:

1. A professional recruitment program.
2. Financial assistance for library school students through scholarship awards and loans.
3. Sources of income for this purpose.

The Association wants to make its influence as effective as possible in this direction. Committee members and officers, past and present, have made a number of suggestions looking toward a closer coordination of recruitment and assistance efforts. The Board needs opinions and comments from individual librarians in order that action taken may meet the needs of the situation and reflect the wishes of the membership at large. Suggestions from junior members and members who are, or have recently been, library school students will be welcomed.

Please send letters to Frank N. Jones, Vice-President, Ohio Library Association, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

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A BILL

The Ohio Library Association Legislative Committee and Executive Board is sponsoring legislation and a report of the Legislative Committee was printed in a previous bulletin.

The following is the proposed bill which is expected to be introduced in the coming session of the legislature. Two of the three sponsors are: Mrs. Opal Mundy, Lucas County, and Roy McMahon, Cuyahoga County. Mrs. Esther Hardy, Sandusky County, is being asked to co-sponsor:

To amend sections 2917, 5625-18 and 5625-28 of the General Code providing for the county prosecutor to be legal advisor of certain public libraries, to clarify the statutes relating to library levies and to library appeals before the State Board of Tax Appeals, and to enact supplemental section 7630-3 of the General Code relative to powers of library boards to procure liability insurance on bookmobiles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That sections 2917, 5625-18 and 5625-28 of the General Code be amended and section 7630-3 of the General Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 2917. The prosecuting attorney shall be the legal advisor of the county comissioners and all other county officers and county boards, including all *tax supported public libraries except those organized as a part of a city school district or of a municipality*, and any of them may require of him written opinions or instructions in matters connected with their official duties. He shall . . .

Sec. 5625-18. If the majority of the electors voting on a levy for the current expenses of schools, *public libraries*, or of municipal universities, or fifty-five per centum of the electors voting upon a levy for any other school purpose, or *public library purpose*, authorized by section 5625-15 of the General Code, or sixty per centum of the electors voting upon a levy for any other purpose, at such election vote in favor thereof, the taxing authority of said subdivision may levy a tax within such subdivision at the additional rate outside of the ten mill limitation during the period and for the purpose stated in the resolution, or at any less rate, or for any of said years or purposes; provided, that levies for payment of debt charges shall not exceed the amount necessary for such charges on the indebtedness mentioned in the resolution; provided further, that if such levy is for the payment of charges on debts incurred prior to January 1, 1935, outside of the ten mill limitation but within the fifteen mill limitation the taxing authority of said subdivision shall levy outside of the ten mill limitation such tax if a majority of the electors voting on the levy vote in favor thereof.

Sec. 5625-28. The taxing authority of any subdivision which is dissatisfied with any action of the budget commission may, through its fiscal officer, appeal to the board of tax appeals within thirty days after the receipt *of* such subdivision of the official certificate or notice of such action of said budget commission. **1** *In like manner, but through its clerk, the board of trustees of any public library of a subdivision whose fiscal officer is a member of the budget commission may appeal to the board of tax appeals.* The board of tax appeals shall forthwith consider the matter or matters presented to the budget commission, and shall have power to modify any action of the budget commission with reference to the budget, the estimate of revenues and balances or the fixing of tax rates. The finding of the board of tax appeals shall be substituted for the findings of the budget commission, and shall be certified to the county auditor and the taxing authority of the subdivision affected, *or to such board of public library trustees affected*, as the action of such budget commission under this act . . .

Sec. 7630-3. The Boards of Library Trustees appointed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2454-1, 3405, 4004, 4840-1 and 7643-2 of the General Code may procure liability and property damage insurance covering each library bookmobile or other motor vehicle

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under the authority of such board of library trustees. This insurance shall be procured from a recognized insurance company authorized to do business of this character in the state of Ohio, and such accident insurance shall provide compensation for injury or death to any person, or for damage to any property, caused by any accident arising out of or in connection with the operation of such bookmobile or library vehicle in such amount or amounts and upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the board of library trustees and the insurance company. The amount of liability insurance carried on account of any bookmobile or library vehicle shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars. Such insurance coverage as is provided herein may be effected in one or more recognized insurance companies authorized to do business in the state of Ohio.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 2917, 5625-18 and 5625-28 of the General Code are hereby repealed.

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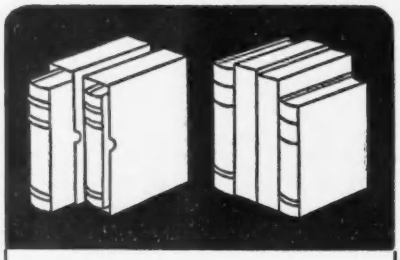

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O.L.A SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS AVAILABLE

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The awards will be made only to persons who have the educational requirements (ordinarily a college degree) asked by such library schools. They may also be used for advanced study by librarians who already have their library degrees.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The scholarship grant does not have to be repaid. The recipient must, however, agree that he will work on a full-time basis at least two years in an Ohio library in the years immediately after the completion of his study. In the event that he elects to work in some other state, the scholarship agreement would be that he repay the money at the rate of $100 per year until the sum is repaid, though without interest.

REPAYMENT TERMS LIBERAL

The loans may be repaid without interest any time within two years after the completion of the year of study, ordinarily $100 repaid each of those two years. If they are not paid within that time, interest of 4 per cent shall be charged thereafter.

HOW TO APPLY

April 1 has been set as the deadline for the submission of applications. Winners will be notified early in May, the decisions being made by the Committee. For application forms, please write to Miss Viola B. Metternich, Cincinnati Public Library, Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

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